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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, delete lines 2-3 and insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of co-pending application serial number 09/020,461 filed on February 9, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. _____, which claims priority from provisional application serial number 60/037,530 filed on February 10, 1997.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

In Claim 23, line 1, change "22" to --19--.

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REMARKS

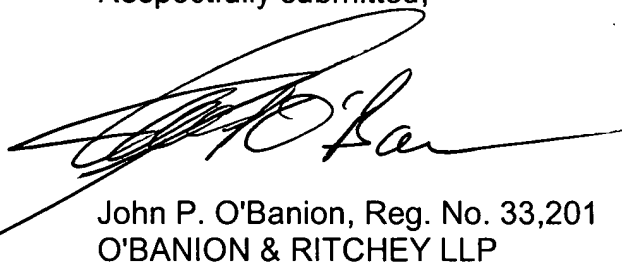
This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in connection with a continuation of co-pending application serial number 09/020,461 filed on February 9, 1998. Entry is respectfully requested.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested prior to the first action on the merits.

Date:

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. O'Banion", written over a horizontal line.

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